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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Power Outage Prompts LAX Terminal Evacuation and Passenger Rescreen

(U) Passengers at the Los Angeles International Airport were asked to exit Terminal 1 on Thursday morning to be rescreened following a power outage that was responsible for stalling travel. LAX confirmed the rescreening process, which was said to be taken "out of an abundance of caution." The airport reported that the "security sweep" of the terminal was completed by 6:46 a.m. to begin the rescreening process.

SOURCE: 6 June 2019, [Fox News](#)

(U) Sacramento – Four Northern California Women Indicted in Alleged Drug Ring

(U) Four Northern California women are facing a maximum of life in prison after federal prosecutors charged them with distributing methamphetamine and heroin, according to a recently-unsealed indictment. Vallejo resident Jeanna Quesenberry, along with Sacramento residents Katherine Fuimaono, Nancy Phillips, and Staci Blanton, are all facing multiple felony charges related to allegedly selling meth and heroin. The charges include conspiracy and narcotics distribution. If convicted of all counts, the group face a sentence of up to life in prison, or a mandatory minimum of 10 years.

SOURCE: 5 June 2019, [The Mercury News](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Southwest Border Apprehensions Reach Thirteen-Year High

(U) San Diego – The number of people caught illegally crossing the southwest border rose again in May to a 13-year high with increased apprehensions in every sector of Border Patrol except San Diego. Agents took 132,887 people into custody last month along the US Mexico border, a 34 percent increase from April and a 229 percent increase from May of 2018, according to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data. It is also the most people that agents have apprehended in any one month since March 2006, when agents caught 160,696 people crossing illegally. The increase means that CBP's holding facilities are well beyond capacity, according to officials.

SOURCE: 6 June 2019, [San Diego Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Virginia – Man Arrested After Leaving Improvised Explosive Device at VA Center

(U) Bay Pines – A 60-year-old US Army veteran is facing federal charges after he left an improvised explosive device on the campus of the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System, according to authorities. Mark Edward Allen, a St. Petersburg, Florida resident, was arrested and charged with possession of unregistered explosive device. According to a federal criminal complaint, the Tampa Bay Police bomb squad and the FBI responded on 29 May after similar device was found at his apartment.

SOURCE: 5 June 2019, [Tampa Bay Times](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Australia – Bangladeshi Jailed 42-Years for ISIS-Inspired Attack**

(U) Melbourne – A Bangladeshi student who enrolled in an Australian university with the aim of killing someone in the name of the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) was jailed for forty-two years for stabbing her local host as he slept. Momena Shoma, 26, admitted to engaging in a terrorist act when she stabbed Roger Singaravelu in the neck with a kitchen knife just eight days after arriving in Australia. Shoma, who wore a black niqab showing only her eyes at the sentencing hearing in Victoria State's Supreme Court, shouted "Allahu akbar" as she attacked Singaravelu, who survived and was present at the hearing, the court heard. She received a sentence of 42-years, with a non-parole period of 31.5 years.

SOURCE: 5 June 2019, [Al Arabiya](#)

(U) Egypt – ISIS Claims Deadly Attack in Egypt's Sinai

(U) Sinai – ISIS claimed an attack that killed eight Egyptian policemen in the restive Sinai Peninsula on Wednesday, as the country marked the Islamic holiday of Eid al-Fitr. ISIS propaganda agencies claimed that ten policemen were killed in the two attacks; one on a checkpoint south of El-Arish and another on a second checkpoint in a "nearby area". It said the twin operation was designed to "divide" the attention of security forces and give militants enough time to pull back before reinforcements arrived.

SOURCE: 5 June 2019, [Al Arabiya](#)

(U) Ghana – Two Canadians Kidnapped in West African Nation of Ghana

(U) Accra – Authorities in Ghana say two Canadians on an exchange program have been abducted. Police and local media say the two were attending Kumasi Technical University in the West African country's second-largest city. Canadian officials are providing assistance to the victims' families. Authorities stated no other information is being released so as not to "compromise ongoing efforts or endanger the safety of Canadians." This is the second time in less than a month that foreigners have been targeted in the south-central city of Kumasi. An Indian national earlier was abducted and rescued.

SOURCE: 6 June 2019, [Washington Times](#)

(U) Pakistan – Gunmen Kill Two Pakistani Troops Deployed for Eid in Southwest

(U) Hernai – Pakistan's military says suspected militants have opened fire on a paramilitary vehicle patrolling in the town of Hernai in southwestern Baluchistan province, killing two troops before fleeing. The attack targeted troops deployed for security duty during the three-day Islamic holiday of Eid al-Fitr, which began across Pakistan on Wednesday. It said a search has been launched to track the assailants. No one claimed responsibility but small separatist groups have been blamed for previous such attacks.

SOURCE: 6 June 2019, [Fox News](#)

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